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SUBJECT: SENAT VIEWS ON BERLIN' S AIR FUTURE

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1. SENAT CHANCELLERY HAS INFORMED MISSION THAT SENATOR FOR FEDERAL AFFAIRS STOBBE PREPARED POSITION PAPER, DISCUSSED AT SENAT MEETING MARCH 3, ON BERLIN' S NEEDS TO PROMOTE CITY' S ATTRACTIVENESS AS INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC CENTER. IMPETUS FOR PROJECT STEMMED FROM NEED TO COUNTER OPPOSITION CDU COMPLAINTS ABOUT ALLEGED LACK OF COMPREHENSIVE SENAT CONCEPT ABOUT BERLIN' S AIR FUTURE. PAPER WAS DISCUSSED BRIEFLY WITH BAHR DURING HIS MEETING WITH GOVERNING MAYOR MARCH 5 (REF B) AND IS TO BE OFFICIALLY PRESENTED TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BY SENATOR STOBBE.

2. STARTING WITH ASSUMPTION NOTHING SHOULD BE DONE TO CHANGE EXISTING CORRIDOR REGIME, PAPER LISTS SIX PROPOSALS;
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- 1) INTERMEDIATE LANDING AT TEGEL BY LUFTHANSA ENROUTE TO MOSCOW AND TOKYO;
 - 2) INTERMEDIATE LANDINGS AT TEGEL FOR SAS, AUA, AND TURKISH AIRLINE ON NORTH- SOUTH ROUTES;
 - 3) ALLIED AIRLINE FLIGHTS FROM WEST BERLIN TO EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES;
 - 4) GERMAN CHARTER FLIGHTS FROM TEGEL TO EAST EUROPEAN DESTINATIONS;
 - 5) EXPANSION OF ALLIED TRAFFIC USING CORRIDORS WITH BOTH SCHEDULED AND NON- SCHEDULED CHARTER FLIGHTS;
 - 6) INAUGURATION OF FLIGHTS OUTSIDE CORRIDORS BY ALLIED CARRIERS FROM BERLIN TO OTHER THAN EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.
3. COMMENTING ON SENAT PAPER, HEAD OF CHANCELLERY MUELLER SAID IT AMOUNTED TO " HOPE CHEST," BUT NONETHELESS PROVIDED A BASIS FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER BERLIN' S NEEDS IN FUTURE AIR TALKS WITH GDR. ACCORDING TO MUELLER, SENAT AGREED WITH BAHR' S ASSESSMENT THAT GDR WOULD REFUSE TO DISCUSS ANY OF ABOVE POSSIBILITIES, CONSISTENT WITH ITS POLICY OF DENYING ANY FEDERAL COMPETENCE FOR BERLIN. GDR MIGHT, HOWEVER, GIVE GROUND ON LUFTHANSA INTERMEDIATE LANDINGS AT TEGEL. MUELLER ADDED THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD PROABLY PRESS ALLIES TO INITIATE TALKS WITH SOVIETS ON AIR MATTERS IN ORDER TO HAVE BERLIN INCLUDED IN FRG/ GDR AIR NEGOTIATIONS. KLEIN

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